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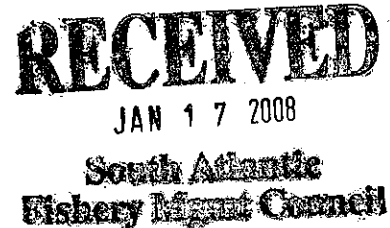
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Mr. Gregg Waugh, Deputy Executive Director
South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201
North Charleston, S.C. 29405

Dear Mr. Waugh:

I am writing on behalf of the N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission to comment on potential actions for Amendment 7 (Rock Shrimp) to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Shrimp Fishery Management Plan.

Upon reviewing the scoping document, our commission is pleased with the range of alternatives being considered and has none further to suggest.

North Carolina has permitted fishermen who periodically participate in this fishery who may be affected by the 15,000-pound catch requirement. Many of our fishermen are diverse in their activities and need the capability to participate in a number of fisheries, even though they may not participate every year. We are pleased the advisory panel has suggested alternatives that will accommodate those fishermen who hold permits, but have not met the 15,000-pound catch requirement. We hope the council will consider the needs of our commercial fishermen while developing Amendment 7.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mac Currin".

Mac Currin, Chairman
N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission

Cc: Marine Fisheries Commission
Dr. Louis B. Daniel III
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